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SIR:

Responsive to the Office Action dated January 11, 2008, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

A discussion of the **Support for the Amendments** begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.